

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Patent Office restricts the present application to one of the following inventions:

Group I. Claims 46-55, 73, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87 and 89, drawn to a semiconductor device; and

Group II. Claim 56-72, 74-78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88-90, drawn to method of manufacturing the semiconductor device.

In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II., Claim 56-72, 74-78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88-90, drawn to method of manufacturing the semiconductor device.

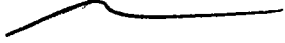
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that an examination on the merits of this case be conducted in due course.

Applicants reserves the right to file a divisional application(s), if necessary, to any non-elected claim subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted,

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